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Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

SIR:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel all of the claims in the application and substitute:

8. A method for controlling blemished skin, acne or seborrheic phenomena, said method comprising topically applying a composition to an area affected by increased sebum production, said composition comprising an amount of at least one antiperspirant active ingredient, and said amount being effective to reduce the production of sebum.

9. The method according to claim 8, which is for preventing or removing the formation of comedones and/or acne.
10. The method according to claim 8, which is for preventing or removing greasy hair.
11. The method according to claim 8, which is for preventing or removing dandruff.
12. The method according to claim 8, wherein the antiperspirant active ingredient is one or more compounds selected from the group consisting of aluminum chlorohydrates, aluminum hydroxylactates and acidic aluminum/zirconium salts.
13. The method according to claim 8, wherein the composition comprises 0.0005 – 50.0% by weight based on the total weight of the composition of antiperspirant active ingredient.
14. The method according to claim 13, wherein the composition comprises 0.01 – 20.0% by weight based on the total weight of the composition of antiperspirant active ingredient.
15. The method according to claim 14, wherein the composition comprises 0.02 – 10.0% by weight based on the total weight of the composition of antiperspirant active ingredient.

16. The method according to claim 15, wherein the composition comprises 0.2 – 5.0% by weight based on the total weight of the composition of antiperspirant active ingredient.
17. The method according to claim 16, wherein the composition comprises 0.5 – 3.0% by weight based on the total weight of the composition of antiperspirant active ingredient.

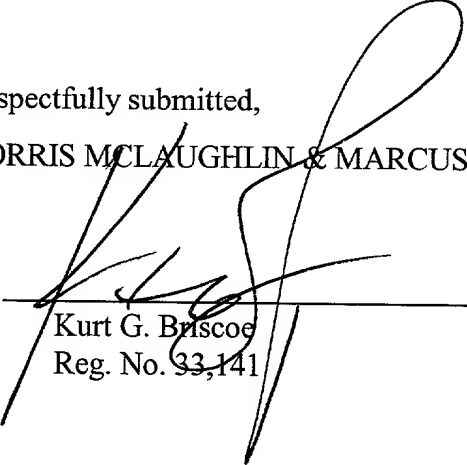
REMARKS

The amendments above convert the original “use” claims to conventional “method” claims. New claim 8 corresponds to previous claim 5; claim 9 to claim 2; claims 10 and 11 to claim 3; claim 12 to claim 4; claims 13 and 14 to claim 6; and claims 15-17 to claim 7.

Early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

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